



University of North Texas System presentation to House Higher Education Committee

Chancellor Lesa B. Roe - March 4, 2021



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM

UNT System includes our flagship University of North Texas in Denton, UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth and UNT Dallas.

RECORD GROWTH

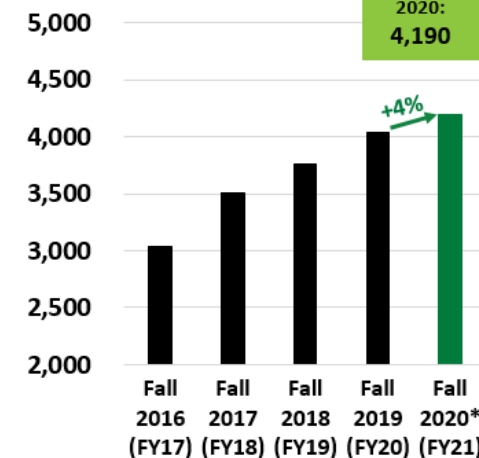
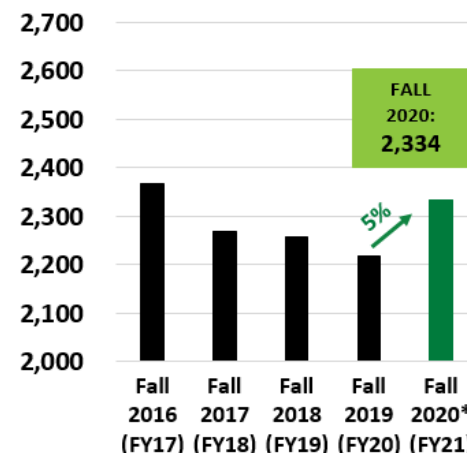
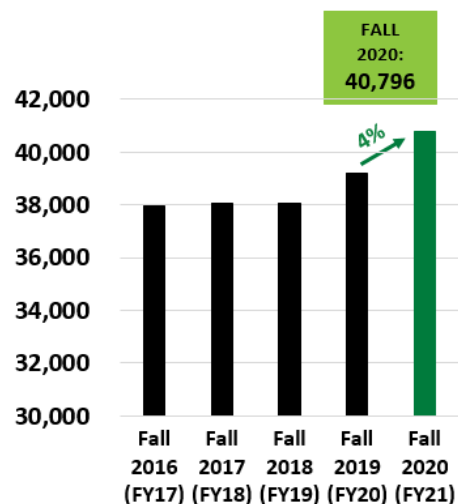
- 47,320 Fall 2020 system-wide enrollment
- 11,901 system-wide degrees awarded in FY 2020

DIVERSITY

- UNT System's student body, system-wide, is "Minority Majority"
- UNT Dallas (85% minority) and UNT (53% minority) are federally-designated Minority Serving/Hispanic Serving Institutions

AFFORDABILITY

- System-wide, no tuition increases in last four years, while increasing financial aid
- UNT Dallas offers the most affordable tuition plans in DFW
- UNT named to America's 100 Best College Buys for 25 years and incentivizes student success through "micro-grants" of less than \$5,000





SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP DURING COVID

During the pandemic the UNT System became stronger in community leadership, use of technology, collaborative partnerships and service to students.



- Converted nearly 8,000 classes to hybrid delivery during 2020 Spring Break
- Created a series of in-person and virtual educational technology trainings to help faculty transition their face-to-face courses to the online environment
- Strengthened its digital strategy, instruction, and student support as a result of the pandemic (with plans to sustain these efforts as best practices moving forward)
- Example of digital strategy is the nation's first at-scale online bachelor's completion program in partnership with Coursera, addressing 36 million people in the U.S. and 900,000 in Texas with college credit, but no degree



- Emerged as a voice of science-based reason for Tarrant County, enabling civic leaders and citizens to better understand the COVID-19 threat and make educated decisions
- Established and staffed a COVID-19 information hotline for Tarrant County.
- Created/operated multiple COVID-19 testing centers
- Supported local officials with contact tracing.
- Manage vaccination sites for Tarrant County and created programs to educate, register and vaccinate those from minority areas with low vaccination rates
- Provided opportunities for students to gain valuable real-world experience by working these various support initiatives



- Bolstered community ties in Southern Dallas by partnering with the North Texas Food Bank to host a monthly food pantry for those in need
- Partnered with the City of Dallas to launch training program for police officers with focus on improving outcomes for communities of color
- Hosted a series of virtual events to help students, faculty, staff and community members better deal with societal issues during the pandemic



DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

The UNT System develops and refines academic programming according to local workforce needs – partnering with DFW business/community leaders in order to create educational solutions to real-world challenges, as we produce career-ready graduates with relevant experience and ideals to propel Texas and DFW forward.



- Offers 106 bachelor's, 88 master's and 36 doctoral degree programs – 89 programs ranked among nation's Top 100
- Launched a new branch campus in booming Frisco, Texas
- UNT Frisco's 3-year Bachelor of Project Design & Analysis: 3-year degree program, cohort-based, includes real-world experience and provides compressed pathway to degree/career
 - Classes each semester center on a real-world "problem" presented by a local industry partner
 - Cohort works on the problem with faculty helping students address the problem from their unique disciplines
 - Students participate in at least three internships (18 credit hours)



- Offers degrees in Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Biomedical Sciences, Public Health, Health Professions, Pharmacy and Medicine (MD).
- Students learn to work in teams and to develop an innovative mindset that prepares them for a rapidly changing health landscape.
- Areas of strength focus on rural health, health disparities, substance abuse/mental health, human trafficking, Alzheimer's, genomics, and infectious diseases
- Increased opportunity for students to gain real-world experience during the COVID-19 pandemic by staffing information hotlines, testing centers and contact tracing operations
- HSC leads Texas in producing primary care physicians



- Provides a pathway to socioeconomic mobility to student body that is 85% minority
- Academic programs address workforce shortage in DFW, including bilingual teachers, public health and criminal justice/policing
- UNTD begins outreach and interaction with students at a younger age via partnership with Dallas ISD on Early College High Schools. These programs include college work for high school students so they can graduate with an associate's degree before heading to UNT Dallas – thus creating a clear and shorter pathway to a professional career.
- Real-world experience is built into degree programs at main campus and downtown Dallas College of Law